



Illinois Crop Production

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Corn: Planted area is estimated at 11.0 million acres, down 3 percent from last year. Harvested area, forecast at 10.8 million acres, is down 3 percent from 2020. Based on October 1 conditions, the Illinois corn yield is forecast at a record 210 bushels per acre, up 19 bushels from 2020. Production is forecast at 2.27 billion bushels, up 7 percent from last year's production.

Soybeans: Planted area is estimated at 10.60 million acres, up 3 percent from last year. Harvested area, forecast at 10.55 million acres, is up 3 percent from 2020. Based on October 1 conditions, the Illinois soybean yield is forecast at a record 64 bushels per acre, up 4 bushels from 2020. Production is forecast at a record 675 million bushels, up 10 percent from 2020.

Alfalfa hay: Harvested area, forecast at 180,000 acres, is down 18 percent from 2020. Based on October 1 conditions, the Illinois alfalfa hay yield is forecast at 3.50 tons per acre, down 0.40 tons from the previous year. Production is forecast at 630,000 tons, down 27 percent from 2020.

Other hay: Harvested area, forecast at 240,000 acres, is down 11 percent from 2020. Based on October 1 conditions, the Illinois other hay yield is forecast at 2.40 tons per acre, up 0.10 tons from the previous year. Production is estimated at 576,000 tons, down 7 percent from 2020.

Crop Area Planted, Harvested, Yield, and Production – Illinois: 2020 and Forecasted October 1, 2021

Crop	Area planted		Area harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)			(1,000)	(1,000)
Corn for grain ¹bushels	11,300	11,000	11,100	10,800	191.0	210.0	2,120,100	2,268,000
Soybeansbushels	10,300	10,600	10,250	10,550	60.0	64.0	615,000	675,200
Alfalfa hay tons	(NA)	(NA)	220	180	3.90	3.50	858	630
All other hay tons	(NA)	(NA)	270	240	2.30	2.40	621	576

(NA) Not available.

¹ Area planted for all purposes.

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